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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Hello! I enjoyed your last letter of Jan. 15. The political scene has certainly been interesting these past six months! Hard to believe Carter swept through the primaries so victorious.

You were correct by saying that Kennedy should have waited. Since it is now between Carter & Reagan, I'm lending my support to John Anderson, who happens to be my new congressman.

I'm curious how John Anderson conducted himself while he was on the Select Committee on Assassinations. Did he care to find the truth? Did he believe there was a conspiracy? How did he feel about the role of the intelligence agencies involved in the cases?

I have been lax in corresponding with friends since I started working as a teacher in a Child Care Center since the end of January. There are no close state universities near me to finish my college education. (Phooey!) Here in Illinois all you need is 2 years minimum to be a teacher in a Child Care Center, so I applied and got the job. The extra cash allows for our family to travel back to Florida to visit with my family. We're a close family and it's hard not being near.

Last week or so, my brother in Tampa met John Anderson when he opened a campaign headquarters there. My brother had to have a Secret Service clearance to meet him. He gave them his Social Security #, then they called him back and said he cleared. He went down to meet Anderson. He really didn't know anything

about him, but came back impressed, and is now collecting petitions to have Anderson put on the ballot in Florida. I'm collecting petitions here in Anderson's own district. I've found out this district is conservative, and some people think Anderson is a "radical"! I wonder what they would think of a real radical!

I met Anderson at a banquet held at the end of January (in Freeport). The, he was just "a regular guy". No Secret Service men, just his aide and his wife. The Sunday before the banquet ~~the~~ a Chicago paper ran an interview of George Bush + Robert Scheer, of the L.A. Times. In it George Bush said he believed in nuclear survivability. Anderson disagreed hotly with that idea. When I shook Anderson's hand I thanked him for bringing that story out, and he told me to spread the word on Bush's dangerous ideas on that subject.

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I guess the Justice Department is mulling over the idea of pursuing the investigation. Haven't heard any news about it.

Enclosed is an Anderson button. You can accept it as a piece of historical memorabilia.

Best Wishes,
Sincerely,
Barbara Gotwin Riney

P.S.
I laughed when you said the Republican "party pals are really neanderthals". So true!!, in picking Reagan!

P.S. #2!! Good Grief!! I was getting ready for work this morning & I got a phone call from my mother telling me to watch the Today show. "David Phillips (CIA) undercover (1) as Maurice Bishop." She told me it was a hot interview! I joked with her & said if it's so hot there will probably be network trouble by the the time the Midwest gets to see it! (Back of page 2)

Well right after the interview between Anthony Summers and David Philips (began), ZAP! Network trouble! Missed most of the first part of the interview. The reception came back in time for the second part of it.

It looked like David Philips was going to have a heart attack on the show he was so upset! Strange! — He was just on the (recent) T.V. special about the C.I.A. (the interview)

I hope you SAW ~~IT~~ IT!

The author claims the connection between David Philips & Maurice Bishop was in the Assassinations committee report, Is that true?

What do you make of this story?

"Funny", how I ~~##~~ decided to write to you this morning, and then later this crazy story on the Today show.

Really Anxious For your response now!

Barbara